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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CARR et al.
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Title: CHEMICAL CONSTRUCTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT for the purpose of adding the priority information. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

AI --This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase application of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03286 filed 5 October 1999, which claims priority from GB9821655.9 filed 10 October 1998.—

In the claims:

Please amend claims 5, 6, 10, 12, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43 and 44 as follows:

AI 5. (Amended) A chemical construct according to claim 2 wherein the means for imparting a characteristic signature to the mass spectrum of the fragment is located between the first and second cleavage sites.

6. (Amended) A chemical construct according to claim 1 wherein the first and second cleavage sites are defined by first and second linker groups L¹ and L²

AB 10. (Amended) A chemical construct according to claim 1 wherein the sensitising group G is an ionisable group which is ionisable under mass spectrometric conditions.